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## TO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

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## NEW YEAR'S GREETING.

To our readers, one and the whole, we would say in all sincerity this morning, we wish you a happy new year, and furthermore, we wish you as many happy farewells to the old year and joyful greetings to the new year as were enjoyed by METURHEAN.

## RECEPTIONS TO-DAY.

The following is the official announcement of the order of the reception to-day at the Executive Mansion:

At 11 o'clock, a. m., Tuesday, January 1, 1867, THE PRESIDENT will receive the members of the Cabinet and Foreign Ministers, Judges of the Supreme Court of the United States, Senators and Representatives in Congress, Judges of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia and of the Court of Claims.

At half past 11 o'clock, a. m., the officers of the Army and Navy and the Marine Corps will be received.

The reception of the citizens will commence at 12 o'clock, m., (at which hour the gates of the enclosure will be opened), and will terminate at 2 o'clock, p. m. Ladies will be received.

THE PRESIDENT will be assisted in the reception ceremony by his daughters, Mrs. Senator PATTERSON and Mrs. Colonel BROWN. The Marshal of the District and the Commissioner of Public Buildings will do the honors.

Carrriages will approach the Executive Mansion by the east gate and leave by the west gate.

Secretary McCULLOCH will receive at his new residence, 306 H street, between Connecticut avenue and Seventeenth street, from 12 1/2 to 4 p. m.

Secretary STANTON will receive at his residence on K street, near Fourteenth street.

Postmaster General RANDALL will receive at his residence, 407 New York avenue, near Fourteenth street, after 12 o'clock to-day.

Secretary BROWNING will receive at his residence (known as the Dodge Mansion), on Georgetown heights.

Attorney General STANTON and Mrs. STANTON will receive at the Metropolitan Hotel.

Secretary SEWARD will not receive to-day on account of the recent death of his daughter.

Secretary WELLES will not receive to-day on account of the death, on Sunday, of a near relative.

Lieut. Gen. GRANT will receive at his residence on D street.

Hon. MONROE BLAIR and Mrs. BLAIR will receive at their residence on Pennsylvania avenue.

Commander NEWTON, of the Agricultural Bureau, was glad to learn, he has recovered from his recent illness, and we have no doubt will today give his numerous friends a taste of the choice California wines and fruits of which we spoke on Saturday last—from hearsay, not experience.

Mayor WALLACE will receive his friends and the citizens generally who desire to pay their respects, in the Council Chamber at the City Hall, from 1 to 3 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. HUNTINGTON will receive their friends at their residence on H street to-day.

Mr. C. W. WALKER, Fifth Auditor of the Treasury, and Mrs. WALKER, will receive their friends at their residence, 191 F street, between Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets.

Mr. FRANKLIN PHILIP, at 454 E street, between Sixth and Seventh, keeps up his custom of receiving his friends on New Year's.

Messrs. BEYER, CHADWICK and GARDNER will receive their friends at Willard's Hotel from eleven o'clock until four.

Several Senators and Representatives, now in the city, also many permanent residents, will receive, but we have no authority for making any announcement on the subject.

## OUR THREE LEGGED STOOL.

Upon the first page of our paper to-day will be found the opinion of the Supreme Court, (so-called at present in congressional circles), which enunciates some principles which the progressives of the hour would do well to ponder. Our fathers, the founders of our Government, discussed all fundamental political questions as warmly and sifted them as thoroughly as any government makers that have lived since Moses. The fathers recognized the truth that the triangle is the strongest thing in nature, that throughout the universe triangles give the greatest possible strength. The triangular pyramid will stand for ages, the three legged stool never topples over. Our Government stands upon three legs—the legislature, the executive and the judiciary, powers designed to sustain the entire governmental fabric under all pressure from without, while they maintain their relative positions within.

In the political excitement of the hour the persons who have been elected to Congress proposed, some of them, to knock out one leg of the stool—the Executive—and finding another leg—the Judiciary—in their way, they also propose to knock that out. Then we should have a Government upon one leg, (somewhat shaky occasionally,) viz: Congress. Now, a one-legged "milking stool" will stand as long as a milking maid sits thereon with her own good legs making the tripod, but if the old cow kicks, or the pedal extremities give out, the stool topples over and some milk is liable to be spilled. Those who would disturb the legs of our Government should be careful that they have no real estate titles to be disquieted, or Government securities to be depreciated. The political party that attempts to cripple either of the well-proportioned legs placed under our Government stool by the fathers, will soon get upon its last legs or else the Government will be overthrown.

## A GIANTIC LOBBY SCHEME.

We have seen a lithographed circular, signed by one "John Livingston, Secretary, &c.," of the "Merchants' Union Law Company," so-called, of New York, and addressed to one of the banks of this city, proposing to "oppose measures pending in Congress for the further curtailment of the currency; for compelling all such banks to redeem their issues in New York, and for prohibiting them from receiving or paying interest on bank balances," &c., and soliciting each bank to contribute to the expense of the same by transmitting a "retainer," "say one-tenth of one mill on each dollar" of each bank's capital, "being in the proportion of \$10 on each \$100,000 of such capital."

We observe upon the circular referred to the name of "CALEB CURRIER" as "President." It appears by the subjoined letter that Mr. CURRIER's name was used without his knowledge or authority. This is the most gigantic lobby scheme that we have ever known since Philip's Atlantic Cable lobby was perpetrated. This Livingston affair is for the special purpose of defeating the financial plan of the Secretary of the Treasury. We shall watch the "ring" with considerable interest, and report progress. In the meantime we think that the banks will do well to rely upon the experience and considerate judgment of the Secretary of the Treasury and the deliberate action of Congress.

The Honorable Mr. CURRIER's letter, which follows, is rather a crusher upon the hopes of Mr. LIVINGSTON:

WASHINGTON, December 29, 1866.  
Sir: I have this moment read with surprise and indignation a lithographed circular addressed to the First National Bank of Baltimore, and signed by John Livingston, as secretary of the Merchants' Union Law Company, proposing the presentation of petitions to Congress on the subject of the National Banks, in which circular my name is introduced as an officer of said company. I beg leave to assure you that this circular has been issued without previous intimation to me, or any knowledge on my part, direct or indirect, of it, or of the object which it proposes; and that the ascription to me therein of the title of an officer of such company is the unauthorized act of Mr. Livingston.

It might be deemed superfluous for me to express uncalculated opinions of my own, concerning the proposed objects of the circular. But the occasion seems to call on me to say that, so far as I entertain any formed opinions on the subject, those opinions are in accordance with the views officially expressed by yourself.

And I may be permitted to add that, whatever my opinions might have been in that respect, I should not presume to obtrude them upon the Congress of the United States.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,  
Yours, &c.,  
HON. JOHN McCULLOCH, Secretary of the Treasury.

## The Metropolitan Hotel.

Mr. CHARLES H. SHELLEY, who has been connected with the management of the Metropolitan Hotel a considerable time, becomes this day a partner of Mr. PORTA in that popular and thriving establishment. Mr. SHELLEY has proved his eminent fitness for this position, as all who have sojourned at the Metropolitan can testify. We predict for him a successful career.

## National Theatre.

JOE JEFFERSON, who "showered off" so many times during the last fortnight, has been re-engaged for a few nights at the National Theatre. When Congress comes back again the Italian Opera will also come to the city, and give us some of the operas that have so greatly delighted our friends in Boston and New York.

## Wall's Opera House.

CHATELAIN, supported (and well supported) by the fine company at Wall's Opera House, is doing a delightful business—to the patrons of the theatre, to say the least. On Thursday night the great sensation of the "The Long Strike" will be brought out in the greatest perfection, so far as scenery, properties and acting are concerned.

## Father Kemp's Old Folks.

Our citizens are to have a real musical enjoyment at Odd Fellows' Hall for three nights in the singing of Father Kemp's celebrated Old Folks' concert company. Some of the performers of the troupe are said to possess extraordinary attractions.

## PERSONAL.

ABRAHAM GREENWOOD has been arrested on the charge of setting fire to his store, No. 23 Union street, Boston, on Friday night. He had insurance in a Providence company for \$4,000.

Mr. BERRY, editor of the Richmond (Mo.) Freeman, had a rope placed round his neck and pistol held at his head, and in this situation was forced to sign an abject and humiliating retraction of a certain article in his paper.

Mrs. RISTON has written her friends in Europe that her present intentions are to remain twelve months in America. Upon her return to Europe she will hit forward to the stage, and make Florence her home. The palace she is building on the Long Arno will then be completed. This building is in an elegant and yet severe style, suited with the austere genius of the tragic muse. In a frieze between pilasters of two different orders of architecture she is represented in her most admired parts.

Mr. EISENHART, the well known wine merchant of this city, gave an elegant entertainment at his private residence, on D street, commencing in 1866 and which lasted until 1867. The company embraced not only the principal business interests of the city, but many of the official representatives of all the Departments of the Government. It was really a pleasant farewell to the old year and an earnest welcome to the new. Among the toasts the American yachtsmen were remembered with enthusiasm.

Geo. H. CHANDLER, Esq., of New Hampshire, has been appointed associate counsel with Judge BENFIELD to take charge of the claims of the United States in Great Britain, growing out of the war. Mr. CHANDLER is a brother of Assistant Secretary CHANDLER, of the Treasury, and is an able and active young lawyer.

It is a political axiom that in republican governments legislation can never rise above the average intelligence of the people, and those Senators who, the other day, drew an inference in opposition to the reading and writing test for voters from the fact that the leaders of the late rebellion were men of education, displayed an amount of stupidity that will probably amaze its authors when they look back upon themselves after the holidays are over.

## THE DEPARTMENTS.

## The President's New Year's Levee.

ASSISTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 31, 1866.  
Officers of the army in this city will assemble in uniform at the Adjutant General's office at a quarter past eleven o'clock a. m. to-morrow, January 1, and thence proceed to pay their respects to the President of the United States.

R. D. TOWNSEND,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

## NAVY DEPARTMENT.

WASHINGTON, December 29, 1866.  
Officers of the Navy and Marine Corps, in the city of Washington, are notified to assemble at the Navy Department at 11.15 a. m. on Tuesday, January 1, 1867, for the purpose of paying their respects to the President of the United States. Officers will appear in frock coat, epaulettes, cap, sword and sword knot. GIDEON WELLES, Secretary of the Navy.

## Examinations for the Navy.

TO VOLUNTEER OFFICERS.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 29, 1866.

All persons who have served as volunteer officers in the United States Navy for the term of two years, and who desire to be examined for admission to the regular Navy, as provided in the act of Congress approved July 25, 1866, will at once make application, addressed to Commander S. P. LEE, Hartford, Conn., who will notify them when to appear. Those who do not make application prior to the 1st of January next, or who do not present themselves when notified, will be considered as having waived their claim for examination. Candidates will take with them, when summoned, their official papers showing their naval record.

GIDEON WELLES,  
Secretary of the Navy.

## DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

WASHINGTON, December 27, 1866.  
Information has been received at this Department from Mr. GEORGE F. SEWARD, the Consul General of the United States at Shanghai, China, of the death, on the 13th of September last, at Shanghai, of JOHN KINO, a former resident of San Francisco, Cal.

The legal representatives of the deceased can obtain further information by addressing this Department.

## DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

WASHINGTON, December 27, 1866.  
Information has been received at this Department from Mr. GEORGE F. SEWARD, the Consul General of the United States at Shanghai, China, of the death, on the 24th day of July, 1866, at the General Hospital, Shanghai, of W. C. CLEMAN, a former resident of San Francisco.

The legal representatives can obtain further information by addressing this Department.

## DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

WASHINGTON, December 27, 1866.  
Information has been received at this Department from Mr. GEORGE F. SEWARD, the Consul General of the United States at Shanghai, China, of the death, on the 7th day of May last, at Shanghai, of R. K. ALKHAH, an American seaman of the vessel "America."

## DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

WASHINGTON, December 29, 1866.  
Information has been received at this Department from Mr. THOMAS H. DUDLEY, the Consul of the United States at Liverpool, of the death, on the 15th of April last, at sea, of JOHN SMITH, an American seaman, on board the "Timour."

[Information has also been received from the same source of the death, on the 30th of May, 1866, of WILLIAM SMITH, a seaman of the ship "Jeremiah Thompson." Deceased leaves a wife in Glasgow, Scotland.

## DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

WASHINGTON, December 29, 1866.  
Information has been received at this Department from Mr. THOMAS H. DUDLEY, the Consul of the United States at Liverpool, of the death, on the 14th day of April, 1866, at sea, of ALEXANDER POLLOCK, a seaman belonging to the ship "Timour."

## NEW REGULATIONS FOR THE PENSION OFFICE.

The Commissioner of Pensions has made the following new regulations governing those transacting business with the Pension Office:

1. Original applications are numbered and their receipt acknowledged. They are acted on in their turn and are not taken up out of their order.

2. Applications for increase of pensions under the act of June 6th and July 25th, 1866, form a part either of the adjudicated or of the pending claims, and their receipt is not acknowledged by this office.

3. The condition of all readjudicated claims is reported, from time to time, by circular or by letter, according to the nature of the case, unless he shall have been recognized by this office as the attorney in the case, nor unless the application shall have been on file three months, special cases excepted.

4. Only a duly executed power of attorney confers upon an agent the right to appear in a case, and no rejected claim will be taken from the files for re-examination, unless material evidence shall have been offered to establish its validity.

5. No power of attorney will be recognized as sufficient unless signed in the presence of two witnesses, and acknowledged before a duly qualified officer, whose authority is certified under seal.

6. Upon the receipt of a duly executed power of attorney, the examiner who is charged with the adjudication of the case in which it is filed will inform the party filing it, if he be the recognized agent, of the condition of the case, and will call on him for the proof necessary to complete the claim.

7. The papers in an adjudicated claim will not be placed in the hands of any agent for examination, but he must rely on official communications for information as to its condition.

8. When any claim has been finally rejected by this office and the claimant agent declares his purpose to appeal from his decision, or to file additional evidence in support of the claim, the papers therein may be placed in his hands for examination, under such regulations as the Commissioner may prescribe.

Any rule or regulation of the office in connection with the foregoing is hereby annulled.

## SCIENCE OF CAPTAIN ROBT. G. WELLES.

Early on the evening of the 26th of December, Captain Robert G. Welles, son of

Hon. Thaddeus Welles, of Glensbury, shot himself through the head with a pistol, in his father's study. He entered the room pistol in hand, threw his left arm around his father's neck and kissed him, exclaiming "Farewell!" and putting the pistol to his right temple, fired, the ball passing through his head and into a book-case.

Captain Welles was only 24 years of age, and was highly esteemed. He served through the whole war with great gallantry, was engaged in fourteen battles, and was severely wounded at Gettysburg. Soon after the close of the war he resigned his commission as captain in the 11th United States (regular) infantry.

Heavy melancholy, produced by the death of his brother last summer by the explosion of an engine at Mare Island, California, is believed to have been the cause for this rash act.

MORE CONSCIENCE MONEY.—Five different communications were yesterday received by Secretary McCulloch and the United States Treasurer from unknown parties enclosing money rightfully due the Government.

Some persons in Indianapolis, Ind., send \$2,000 through the mail, unaccompanied by any explanation, or any indication as to whom it is from. Two checks were also received anonymously, one for the sum of \$310, properly endorsed, and made payable to the Secretary of the Treasury, Albany, New York, given by J. J. Osterhout, and the other for \$25, given by W. H. Wallace, of Steubenville, Ohio. Fourteen dollars in gold is sent by a person who states that it is the amount due for duty on some goods which he had reason to believe were smuggled. Five dollars were also received through the mail from some party in this city, who desires to make restitution.

GEN. G. C. ROBINSON, at present in command of the department of the South, in a general order dated December 22, announces that on the 19th of the same month the President ordered the revocation of the two paragraphs of the famous order issued by Gen. Sherman on the 1st of October last, which are herewith given:

"V. Corporal punishment shall not be inflicted upon any person other than a minor, and then only the parent, guardian, teacher or one to whom said minor is lawfully bound by indenture of apprenticeship. Nor shall any person be held to service as a punishment for crime or for other cause, by any authority whatever."

"VI. The laws of the States respectively in this Department, defining and punishing vagrancy, applicable to white persons, may be enforced against all persons; nevertheless, no one who shall have reasonable diligence to obtain employment, or who shall be unable to work by reason of infirmity, shall be deemed vagrant."

THE DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST.—Major Gen. Meade, commanding this department, under date of December 27, announces Brig. Gen. R. C. DRUM, A. G. U. S. A., as Assistant Adjutant General of the department.

## Fen, Fencl, and Fenclors.

It snowed in New York yesterday.

Good sleighing in Washington last night.

METURHEAN count more yesterdays than any other man.

WILKINSON, N. C., is rejoicing in the heaviest snow storm of twenty years.

The snow-storm yesterday proved to be a damper to the skating pond.

The American sailors of the yacht fleet took a few hours at Cowes last Saturday.

HEAVY snow storm night before last. Six inches of snow fell on a level.

SIXTY-SEVEN new postal money-order offices have been established on the Pacific slope.

The Henrietta showed her colors at Cowes, as did the *Shooting Star* and the *Vesta*. Now, let her show her colors at home, without respect to race or color, that will beat that feat.

A LADY who lately crossed the Atlantic, says she can't conceive how the ocean should be so salty when it has fresh winds blowing over it almost constantly.

One hundred pounds reward is offered for the recovery of an original drawing by Gustave Dore, which had been left in a London cab.

ON FRIDAY night, a peddler known as the "Rich Peddler," was passing from Marlboro' to Southboro, Mass., on his wagon, and when near the line between the two towns, he was attacked by three men, who robbed him of \$1,500 in United States securities and three \$500 bills, after which they are said to have gone off with their booty.

It is reported in Paris that the Shah of Persia is about to follow the example of the King of Prussia in bringing an action for libel against a French writer. The writer in question is M. de Gobineau, late chargé d'affaires at Tehran, and the libel complained of occurs in a book he has lately published, entitled "Les religions et les philosophes de l'Asie Centrale."

The people of Chicago, who went into costume over the supply of pure water recently introduced into the city from Lake Michigan, are now waiting their breath with the problem of how to get rid of the dirty water. They are afraid to turn it into the lake lest it will return through the tunnel, so they propose to send it southward to enrich the Illinois farms.

TWO ROCKLAND (Maine) Democrats recorded the death of one of the early mortals of Maine, namely, Merit Hart, of the town of Union, who died recently at the advanced age of 100 years, 3 months and 10 days. She was born at Sherburne, Mass., Aug. 24, 1766. Her maiden name was Brook. She had a distinct remembrance of the fight at Lexington, and all that sort of thing.

RENEE GEN. FOREST has the contract for constructing forty-five miles of the Memphis and Little Rock railroad, from Duvall's Bluff to Madison, Arkansas. But it is stated that laborers are very scarce, and that Forest wants \$50, when he can get \$1 per day for his men, and sell them any articles of clothing they may require at reasonable rates, or pay them all cash.

Mrs. PENE A. CHAPPEL, wife of Mr. Wm. H. Chapel, of Portland, Oregon, died on the steamboat train Sunday morning, just as it reached the Kingston (B. I.) Station. Mrs. C. was accompanying her husband to his home in Dartmouth, Mass., where they hoped to meet kind and loving friends on Christmas. She was a very young bride, being only fifteen, and was prostrated by the long sea voyage from California. When on board the steamboat, Saturday, her sufferings excited the compassion of all on board, and every possible attention and kindness was shown to her.

CURIOUS.—It is interesting to observe the contradictions of the public teachers by the press. Some of our leading exchanges declare that the opposition to the speedy restoration of the Southern States is really based upon motives connected with certain manufacturing interests, and consequently with the protective tariff system. They allege that a great ring has been formed, and that the politicians most active in keeping the Southern States out of Congress care nothing for the negro really, except as the agitation of his case may subserve the manufacturing interests.

On the other hand, we find among our exchanges the most prominent advocates of free trade taking sides with the radical party. The New York Commercial Advertiser, for instance, is as earnest in its advocacy of the territorializing of the South as it is of free trade doctrines.

## TELEGRAMS.

TO THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN.

By the United States and European News Company.

## FROM EUROPE BY CABLE.

## MORE ABOUT THE RACE YACHTS.

## INVITATION FROM THE QUEEN.

## SHE SALUTES THE HENRIETTA.

## THE BANQUET AT COWES.

## BENNETT'S CHALLENGE ACCEPTED.

## THE CONFEDERATION SCHEME.

## FENIAN CASES IN CANADA.

## RAILROAD ACCIDENT AND FIRES.

## HORRIBLE MYSTERY IN BOSTON.

## The New Orleans Riot Cases.

## THE MARKETS.

News by Cable.  
LONDON, Dec. 31—12 o'clock.—To-day is being generally observed here as a holiday.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 31.—Noon.—Hardly any business is being done here to-day, people generally looking upon it as a holiday.

FRANKFORT, Dec. 27.—United States Five-twenties, 77.

[LATER.]  
LONDON, Dec. 31.—Consols are quoted at 89 1/2 for money; Five-twenties, 72 1/2; Illinois Central, 79; Erie, 46 1/2.

FRANKFORT, Dec. 31.—Five-twenties, 76 1/2.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Petroleum is quoted at 17d. for refined.

ASTORIA, Dec. 31.—Petroleum is selling at 5 1/2 francs.

[Special to the Herald.]  
COWES, Dec. 30.—Yesterday the three yachts, Henrietta, Fleetwing and Vesta, upon the invitation of the Queen, sailed up Osborne bay. Her Majesty came down to the beach, and spent some time in witnessing the various manoeuvres of the yachts. As the winner of the great race, the Henrietta, passed by, she saluted it with a wave of her handkerchief.

At the grand banquet given by the citizens of Cowes last evening the hall was profusely decorated with the British and United States flags, and the pictures of the contending yachts, while the walls were hung round with friendly mottoes.

Sir John Simon, M. P., presided at the entertainment, and the greatest international good feeling prevailed among the guests. Toasts were drunk amidst great enthusiasm to the Queen, the President, the armies and navies of the United States and Great Britain, peace and prosperity to the United States and Old England and the New York yacht squadron, the health of Mr. J. G. Bennett, Jr., and a host of other toasts of a friendly character.

Maj. Gen. Seymour, by command of the Queen, expressed Her Majesty's interest and her thanks for the compliment of the display during the afternoon.

At a dinner given by Lord Lennox, his Royal Highness, the Duke of Edinburgh, accepted the challenge of J. G. Bennett, Jr., and agreed to sail round the Isle of Wight next August for a prize of £100. The Duke will sail his own yacht, the Viking. This announcement has created a great sensation in yachting circles. The Viking is considered one of the fleetest crafts belonging to the Royal Yacht Club.

[To United States and European News Association.]  
LONDON, Dec. 31.—Noon.—The extension department of the Crystal Palace at Sydenham, devoted to tropical productions, was burned last night, involving a loss of \$30,000.

PARIS, Dec. 31.—Noon.—A decree has been formally issued abolishing, after the 1st of January, 1867, all tonnage dues upon vessels arriving at French ports, but excepting from its provisions such vessels hailing from countries which impose differential dues upon the mercantile marine of France.

HAVRE, Dec. 31.—Noon.—Thirty transports have sailed for Vera Cruz from Cherbourg, and the remainder are under orders to leave by the 8th of January.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Evening.—The Canadian delegates after a series of conferences with the English ministry have finally agreed upon a confederation scheme for the British North American Provinces.

PARIS, Dec. 31.—Evening.—Le Liberte of this morning announces that Mr. Winchester, an American, is urging upon the French Government the adoption of his new guns into the military and naval service.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 31.—Evening.—The Mersey Yacht Club have held a meeting at their headquarters in this city, and extended the hospitalities of the club to the members of the New York Yacht Club, now in English waters. Among the festivities in honor of the Americans the Mersey Yacht Club will give a grand ball, to which invitations have been extended to the yachtsmen of the Henrietta, Fleetwing and Vesta. The ball will be given in this city.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Noon.—The stock market is closed, and no official quotation of consols can be given.

Quotations of American securities are as follows, but not much business is doing: Five-twenties, 72 1/2; Erie, 46 1/2; Illinois Central, 80 1/2.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 31.—The cotton and other markets are closed.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Evening.—American securities close as follows: Five-twenties, 72 1/2; Illinois Central, 80 1/2; Erie, 46 1/2.

FIRES AT C